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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

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Continuation App. under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))
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For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING)
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND)
METHODS TO MAKE SURFACE)
COVERINGS HAVING A NATURAL)
APPEARANCE)

Prior Application:

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: A. Kuhn

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following
new claims 21-32.

-- 21. A floor covering comprising:

a chemically embossed portion; and

a mechanically embossed portion having a mechanical emboss depth,

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